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1971

To the Chairman and Councillors

In the preface of this report the main points of interest in the year are drawn to your attention.

The Re-Organization of Services

Two new Acts came into force on the 1st April, 1971, necessitating the transfer of staff to other departments and producing fundamental Divisional changes.

Firstly, the Education (Handicapped Children) Act, 1970 ; under the powers of this Act, the junior wing of Training Centres passed to the Education Department. In this administrative structure no child within the statutory age limit is now outside the scope of education services

Secondly, the Local Authority Social Services Act of 1970 came into force and under the powers of this Act the Social Services Department took over certain functions of the Health Department and this included the Mental Health Service, Home Helps, Day Care, the care of the unmarried mother and her child, and provision of Convalescent Home treatment.

The Nursing Services

Following rapidly on these changes the main part of the Mayston Report on Local Authority Nursing Structure was implemented by the County Council and Senior Nursing Officers for health visiting, home nursing, and midwifery, were appointed. These Nursing Officers have been able to devote time to the problems of field staff, giving assistance to the understanding of new procedures and health education activities, and also to the orientation of new staff to their districts. All in all they have contributed to consolidating and improving the standards of the nursing services.

The Midwifery Service

This service had been under pressure for some time and presented administrative difficulties which were related to the

varying work-loads in the different districts in the Division. The Divisional birth rate, while higher than the national average of 16, has fallen from 18.3 in 1970 to 17.4 in the current year and a difference between the five District Councils persists, varying from 20.8 in Garforth to 14.8 in Rothwell. Additionally in the Garforth district 33.5% of confinements were at home, as compared with 8.9% in the Wetherby district, contributing to the problems of staff deployment.

In October, 1971 the midwives in the Garforth area were supplied with radio-telephones controlled by the Castleford Ambulance Station ; this project being a pilot scheme for the County. With improved communication it has been possible to relieve stress on staff, improve staff deployment and raise the standard of service to the public. A full establishment of midwives is now employed.

Family Planning

In 1970 a Family Planning Clinic was opened at Swillington as a direct service by the County Council. During 1971 the service was extended and clinics were opened at Rothwell, Outwood and Tadcaster. In January, 1972 the Family Planning Association opened a clinic at Wetherby, thus completing the plans for a balanced family planning service throughout the Division.

Health Education

During 1971 health education was undertaken in an increasing number of senior schools in the Division and this activity was also extended into some junior schools. Our aim is to give factual health information in a way that is acceptable, both to parents and the child, that will help to give young people a well balanced outlook and attitude to life, with its many problems.

Conclusion

In conclusion I would like to place on record my thanks to all Divisional Staff and to the District Councils and their staff for their co-operation and assistance during the past year.

ELIZABETH M. HARGREAVES,

Medical Officer of Health.

August, 1972.

TABLE 1
PRINCIPAL VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1971

	Garforth Urban District	Rothwell Urban District	Stanley Urban District	Tadcaster Rural District	Wetherby Rural District	Divisional Totals
Population (Mid-year 1971)	25,340	28,260	20,980	34,860	30,760	140,200
Live Births:						
Total	600	409	388	576	467	2,440
Legitimate	585	393	367	547	455	2,347
Illegitimate	15	16	21	29	12	93
Stillbirths	8	2	14	2	11	37
Deaths of Infants:						
Legitimate	10	4	8	7	4	33
Illegitimate	—	—	1	1	—	2
Under one week	6	—	4	4	1	15
Under four weeks	7	1	4	4	4	20
Total under one year	10	4	9	8	4	35
Deaths (All causes)	230	439	200	355	266	1,490

CRUDE AND ADJUSTED RATES

Live Births	23.7	14.5	18.5	16.5	15.2	17.4
Live Births (Adjusted)	20.8	14.8	18.3	16.5	17.0	—
Illegitimate Births per 1000 live births	25.0	39.1	54.1	50.4	25.7	38.1
Deaths (All causes)	9.1	15.5	9.5	10.2	8.6	10.6
Deaths (Adjusted)	13.2	12.6	11.1	12.0	11.5	—
Maternal Mortality	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stillbirths	13.2	4.9	34.8	3.5	23.0	14.9
Perinatal Mortality	23.0	4.9	44.8	10.4	25.1	21.0
Neo-Natal Mortality	11.7	2.4	10.3	6.9	8.6	8.2
Early Neo-Natal Mortality (under 1 week)	10.0	—	10.3	7.0	2.1	6.1
Infant Mortality						
All infants per 1000 live births	16.7	9.8	23.2	13.9	8.6	14.3
legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births	17.1	10.2	21.8	12.1	8.8	14.1
illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births	—	—	47.6	34.5	—	21.5
Tuberculosis - respiratory	0.04	—	—	—	—	0.01
Tuberculosis - other	—	—	—	0.03	—	0.01
Tuberculosis - all forms	0.04	—	—	0.03	—	0.01
Cancer (all forms)	1.78	2.83	1.81	2.15	1.69	2.07
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	1.07	3.29	1.29	1.38	1.20	1.65
Heart and Circulatory Disease	3.83	5.94	3.77	3.61	3.41	4.10
Respiratory	0.83	1.70	0.91	1.09	0.78	1.07
Comparability Factors:						
Births	0.88	1.02	0.99	1.00	1.12	
Deaths	1.45	0.81	1.16	1.18	1.33	

All the maternal mortality stillbirth and peri-natal mortality rates are per 1000 live and stillbirths.

VITAL STATISTICS, See Table 1

From the Vital Statistics it will be seen there has been a slight fall in the Divisional Live Birth Rate, there being 2,440 Live Birth in 1971 compared with 2,498 in the previous year. The Death Rate has risen slightly, heart and circulatory disease taking the major toll.

TABLE 2
RECORD OF DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS 1971

	GARFORTH URBAN DISTRICT			ROTHWELL URBAN DISTRICT			STANLEY URBAN DISTRICT			TADCASTER RURAL DISTRICT			WETHERBY RURAL DISTRICT		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Under 1 year ..	5	5	10	-	4	4	6	3	9	6	2	8	1	3	4
1— 4 years ..	2	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	3	1	4	-	-	-
5—14 years ..	1	-	1	-	3	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	3	1	4
15—24 years ..	3	-	3	2	1	3	2	-	2	9	-	9	3	1	4
25—34 years ..	2	2	4	2	1	3	1	-	1	1	1	2	5	2	7
35—44 years ..	2	1	3	7	6	13	3	3	6	9	1	10	4	4	8
45—54 years ..	10	12	22	12	9	21	5	11	16	14	5	19	8	5	13
55—64 years ..	21	13	34	37	20	57	30	11	41	35	26	61	26	18	44
65—74 years ..	38	20	58	58	63	121	31	21	52	63	40	103	36	31	67
75 and over ..	44	49	93	73	140	213	27	45	72	60	79	139	43	72	115
	128	102	230	192	247	439	106	94	200	200	155	355	129	137	266

Table 2 shows the age at death ; the distribution remaining similar to that of 1970.

TABLE 3
CAUSES OF DEATH, 1971

	GARFORTH		ROTHWELL		STANLEY		TADCASTER		WETHERBY	
	URBAN		URBAN		URBAN		RURAL		RURAL	
	DISTRICT		DISTRICT		DISTRICT		DISTRICT		DISTRICT	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Tuberculosis of respiratory system ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Late effects of respiratory Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Malaria ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases ..	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Malignant neoplasm:										
Oesophagus ..	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Stomach ..	1	4	2	6	1	4	4	1	2	2
Intestine ..	2	2	2	9	2	3	5	10	4	5
Larynx ..	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lung, Bronchus ..	11	—	16	3	7	1	16	1	7	7
Breast ..	—	6	—	10	—	11	—	7	—	5
Uterus ..	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	5	—	2
Prostate ..	1	—	4	—	—	—	5	—	1	—
Leukaemia ..	1	1	1	—	1	—	1	1	2	—
Other ..	7	6	9	15	3	4	7	11	6	9
Benign and unspecified neoplasms ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1
Diabetes Mellitus ..	—	1	—	2	2	2	1	1	—	2
Other endocrine etc., diseases ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
Avitaminoses, etc. ..	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Anaemias ..	—	—	—	2	1	—	1	1	—	—
Other diseases of blood, etc. ..	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningitis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Mental disorders ..	—	—	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	1
Multiple Sclerosis ..	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other diseases of nervous system ..	1	3	2	5	4	1	4	2	1	—
Chronic rheumatic heart disease ..	4	1	1	1	2	1	3	2	2	2
Hypertensive disease ..	6	2	—	2	1	1	3	1	5	1
Ischaemic heart disease ..	35	36	66	57	29	30	58	31	43	30
Other forms of heart disease ..	6	1	9	21	5	7	10	12	4	7
Cerebrovascular disease ..	15	12	29	64	14	13	22	26	15	22
Other diseases of circulatory system ..	4	2	7	4	2	1	3	3	5	6
Influenza ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Pneumonia ..	—	1	10	13	1	1	9	5	4	11
Bronchitis and Emphysema ..	14	2	15	9	15	—	14	5	8	1
Asthma ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—
Other diseases of respiratory system ..	2	2	1	—	2	—	1	—	—	—
Carried forward ..										

TABLE 3—continued

Brought Forward ..	GARFORTH		ROTHWELL		STANLEY		TADCASTER		WETHERBY	
	URBAN		URBAN		URBAN		RURAL		RURAL	
	DISTRICT		DISTRICT		DISTRICT		DISTRICT		DISTRICT	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Peptic Ulcer ..	1	—	2	—	—	1	2	—	—	2
Appendicitis ..	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Intestinal obstruction and hernia ..	—	—	1	—	—	2	1	2	1	—
Cirrhosis of Liver ..	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2
Other diseases of digestive system ..	1	—	—	2	1	1	3	—	2	6
Nephritis and Nephrosis..	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
Hyperplasia of prostate ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
Other diseases, genito- urinary system ..	—	2	1	4	—	—	—	4	1	—
Diseases of musculo- skeletal system ..	1	—	1	1	—	1	2	2	1	2
Congenital anomalies ..	—	2	1	3	2	1	3	—	1	1
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc. ..	2	1	—	—	2	1	1	2	—	1
Other causes of perinatal mortality ..	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions ..	1	—	1	1	—	2	2	6	—	1
Motor vehicle accidents ..	5	1	1	1	4	—	9	1	5	3
All other accidents ..	1	5	4	4	3	1	2	7	3	2
Suicide and self- inflicted injuries ..	—	1	1	1	1	—	1	1	2	1
All other external causes..	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
TOTALS ..	128	102	192	247	106	94	200	155	129	137

Table 3 shows the Causes of Death. The predominant causes of death being heart and circulatory disease and malignant disease. Coronary artery disease alone accounted for 414 deaths; deaths from lung cancer and cancer of the breast increased in 1971, indicating a need to increase our efforts with health education, pointing out the dangers of smoking to health and suggesting a need for pre-symptomatic screening. Total deaths from accidents increased from 43 in 1970 to 62 in 1971.

TABLE 4

INFANT MORTALITY, 1971

Deaths from stated causes under one year of age

Cause of Death		Under 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total under 1 month	1-3 months	3-6 months	6-9 months	9-12 months	Total under 1 year
1.	Prematurity ..	4	1	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	5
2.	Congenital Abnormalities										
	(a) C.N.S. ..	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	3
	(b) C.V.S. ..	3	1	1	-	5	-	-	-	1	6
	(c) Other ..	2	1	-	-	3	1	-	1	-	5
3.	Infection										
	(a) Respiratory	3	1	-	-	4	4	1	3	1	13
	(b) Alimentary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(c) Other ..	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
4.	Haemorrhage ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	Asphyxia										
	(a) Inhalation of vomit	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
		15	4	1	-	20	6	2	4	3	35

Table 4 shows the causes of death in children who died in the first year of life, congenital abnormalities and respiratory infection being the most common causes of infant deaths. The mortality rate of 14.3 compares favourably with 17.5 nationally for 1971 and 17.6 divisionally for 1970.

TABLE 5

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1971

	DISEASE	Total all ages 1969	Total all ages 1970	Total all ages 1971	Under 1 year	1-4 years	5-14 years	15-45 years	46-64 years	Over 65 years	Age unknown
Garforth U.D.	Measles ...	4	121	7	3	1	2	1	—	—	—
	Scarlet Fever ...	11	21	6	—	3	3	—	—	—	—
	Meningococcal Infection ...	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
	Food Poisoning ...	3	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
	Whooping Cough ...	4	25	17	1	12	3	—	—	—	—
	Infective Hepatitis ...	1	1	9	—	—	5	4	—	—	—
	Dysentery ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Rothwell U.D.	Measles ...	18	374	224	16	98	104	4	—	—	2
	Scarlet Fever ...	34	18	39	3	9	24	3	—	—	—
	Meningococcal Infection ...	—	1	4	—	—	1	3	—	—	—
	Food Poisoning ...	3	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
	Whooping Cough ...	16	13	47	—	21	23	—	—	—	3
	Infective Hepatitis ...	26	20	10	—	1	4	2	—	3	—
	Dysentery ...	13	8	36	—	8	17	11	—	—	—
Stanley U.D.	Measles ...	11	146	225	4	77	163	4	1	—	6
	Scarlet Fever ...	18	6	15	—	3	12	—	—	—	—
	Meningococcal Infection ...	—	1	3	—	1	—	2	—	—	—
	Whooping Cough ...	6	16	18	—	11	7	—	—	—	—
	Infective Hepatitis ...	11	3	3	—	—	2	1	—	—	—
	Dysentery ...	1	6	2	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
Tadcaster R.D.	Measles ...	129	292	64	2	26	34	1	—	—	1
	Scarlet Fever ...	42	4	5	—	4	—	1	—	—	—
	Meningococcal Infection ...	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Whooping Cough ...	2	21	18	1	9	8	—	—	—	—
	Typhoid ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Infective Hepatitis ...	29	9	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
	Dysentery ...	9	4	3	—	2	—	1	—	—	—
Wetherby R.D.	Measles ...	33	193	5	—	3	2	—	—	—	—
	Scarlet Fever ...	45	3	5	—	2	3	—	—	—	—
	Whooping Cough ...	—	1	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
	Food Poisoning ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	Malaria ...	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
	Infective Hepatitis ...	4	3	7	—	—	1	2	4	—	—
	Dysentery ...	5	4	5	—	1	1	3	—	—	—

TABLE 6

TUBERCULOSIS — NEW CASES NOTIFIED 1971

			Garforth U.D.				Rothwell U.D.				Stanley U.D.				Tadcaster R.D.				Wetherby R.D.			
AGE			Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
			M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
25 - 34 years	..	..	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 44	..	..	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54	..	..	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64	..	..	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
65 and over	..	..	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	..	..	1	2	-	-	3	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-

Table 5. Infectious Diseases notified during the year. In the last decade the pattern of infectious disease has changed in both incidence and virulence and with sound immunisation policies and enlightened treatment the importance of certain diseases has fallen.

Infective Hepatitis has been notifiable for 3 years. Our knowledge of this disease is incomplete and research continues.

Malaria. Two cases of malignant tertian malaria, one of them fatal were notified during 1971 ; both imported from Africa. Many parts of the tropics have now become accessible to visitors travelling for business or pleasure, who may be unaware that they are passing through endemic areas of malaria and who may not have been forewarned that simple precautions may be fully adequate to prevent infection, while ignoring them may have serious consequences.

Table 6. 11 new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified, remaining the same as in 1970. The number of non-pulmonary cases notified shows a decline from 7 to 1 in the current year. The incidence of tuberculosis shows an overall decline in recent years, but continued vigilance is necessary.

Table 7 shows the number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register at the end of the year.

TABLE 7

DISTRICT	PULMONARY		NON-PULMONARY	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Garforth Urban	21	23	4	4
Rothwell Urban	54	27	13	3
Stanley Urban	5	12	4	1
Tadcaster Rural	31	20	5	5
Wetherby Rural	15	17	4	7
	126	99	30	20

Table 8 clearly shows the variation in the percentage of home confinements in the different districts in the division. Although the percentage of home confinements in Wetherby and Tadcaster Rural Districts is low, the need to retain a competent service for ante and post natal care remains, as indeed is the case in other districts in the division.

TABLE 8

DISTRICT	Domiciliary Deliveries		Hospital Deliveries		Percentage of Domiciliary Deliveries	
	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971
Garforth Urban	197	204	431	404	31.2	33.5
Rothwell Urban	102	98	357	313	22.4	23.8
Stanley Urban	121	123	262	279	31.6	30.6
Tadcaster Rural	114	101	449	477	20.2	17.5
Wetherby Rural	50	39	449	439	10.00	8.9
	584	565	1948	1912	23.00	22.0

TABLE 9
VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Primary Immunisation Course	Children born in year:—					Total
	1971	1970	1969	1968	Pre-1968	
Poliomyelitis	30	1697	528	30	37	2322
Diphtheria	31	1696	525	29	39	2320
Pertussis	31	1689	520	25	6	2271
Tetanus	31	1694	525	29	56	2335
Measles	2	991	738	127	213	2071
Rubella	—	—	—	—	1825	1825

TABLE 10

Re-inforcing Doses	Children born in year:—					Total
	1971	1970	1969	1968	Pre-1968	
Poliomyelitis	—	46	31	16	566	659
Diphtheria	—	49	28	14	571	662
Pertussis	—	48	26	9	99	182
Tetanus	—	50	31	17	772	870

The number of children vaccinated or immunised is shown in Tables 9 and 10.

Vaccination against Smallpox

During recent years the smallpox eradication programme of the World Health Organization has made good progress and the areas of the world in which smallpox is still occurring are greatly reduced. Consequently the likelihood of its introduction into this country is considerably diminished. In November, 1971 the policy of vaccination against smallpox in infancy was discontinued.

The Child Health Service

Many conditions affecting the child's educational progress may be present at birth or evident soon after birth, and as this is now well recognised there has been a re-orientation of the work undertaken by the staff in the Child Health Service resulting in periodic developmental assessments during the pre-school period. Should a condition be discovered producing a need for special educational treatment, the necessary arrangements are made to secure a suitable placement at school. At the age of $4\frac{1}{2}$ years the child has a routine medical examination, usually at the clinic, and this includes a complete physical examination. After school entry further programmed health screening is continued.

The number of pupils attending schools in the Division as at 30th September, 1971 was 23,461, and of this number 3,245 received a full medical examination after school entry. The physical condition of 1 pupil was considered to be unsatisfactory by the school doctor. School nurses undertook 49,557 cleanliness inspections and found 537 pupils to be infested. 4,062 6/7 year olds were routinely tested for hearing and 151 were referred for investigation. 41 children were known to be in school with hearing aids and this number includes 30 pupils at Bridge House School. 1,304 children were treated for errors of refraction and 317 children had glasses prescribed. 77 children who had learning difficulties were assessed by the Medical staff and 92 children were referred to the Child Guidance Clinics held at Rothwell and Tadcaster.

Sanitary Circumstances

A comprehensive statement of the sanitary circumstances of the area will be found in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

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To: The Rural District Council of Wetherby.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have to submit for your consideration my 26th Annual Report recording the work of my department during the year ending 31st December, 1971 (Public Cleansing and Financial Details for the year ending 31st March, 1972).

An interesting development earlier in the year was the introduction of decimalisation which was heralded with great concern but as was seen was generally accepted after a very short time.

Throughout the year the increased impetus was on the work involved in local government reorganisation and as time proceeds this work will become more concentrated.

Work progressed during the year including the erection and completion of 100 Council House units, including the completion of two further blocks of flats on the Fairview site in Wetherby, i.e. Hodgson House and Norfolk House.

The provision of a swimming pool on The Ings at Wetherby is proceeding satisfactorily and a completion date of late 1973 is anticipated.

I was a member of the Government's Working Party on Refuse Disposal and the work of that party was completed during the year and the report published.

The work in the department throughout the year has been interesting and varied and once again I express my appreciation for the help and assistance given by the members of the Council and the Officers and also the staff in my own department.

I am, Madam Chairman,

Yours faithfully,

JOHN MARRIOTT,

C.Eng., F.I.Mun.E., M.R.T.P.I.

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TABLE 1 GENERAL STATISTICS OF THE WETHERBY RURAL DISTRICT, 1971

SERVICE TO DWELLINGS												
	WATER SUPPLY		DRAINAGE		CLOSETS							
	All mains supply except :		All sewered except :		All W.Cs except :							
	PRIVATE		PRIVATE		PRIVATE							
	Piped	Septic tank	Piped	Septic tank	Piped	Septic tank						
Estimated extent (acres)	Population (Census) 1961	Population (Est.) 1971	Dwellings No. of	Rateable Value £	Estimated Product of Penny Rate £ p	7	8	9				
TOWNSHIP	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
Angram	521	47	61	16	630	5	—	—	—			
Bardsey-Cum-Rigton	2752	1556	2050	740	75383	726	1	24	1			
Bilton and Bickerton	2999	346	366	117	6104	63	—	22	1			
Boston Spa	880	2426	3829	1494	98722	968	—	5	—			
Bramham/Oglesthorpe	4112	1230	1442	428	27770	263	20	57	—			
Clifford	742	1221	1286	438	33435	270	2	12	2			
Collingham	2842	1715	2376	842	105845	998	20	17	—			
Deighton North	1475	117	111	36	2346	22	2	5	—			
Harewood	8145	1338	3480	1372	140618	1355	10	94	3			
Hutton Wandesley	1233	81	87	29	2341	21	—	4	—			
Kearby with Netherby	1422	143	139	53	4819	46	—	5	—			
Keswick East	1290	734	771	328	25657	246	3	16	4			
Kirk Deighton	2276	481	493	185	14942	136	6	32	—			
Kirkby Overblow	2224	296	359	129	9930	96	4	19	—			
Long Marston	2850	302	382	116	7738	73	—	12	—			
Ribston Little	858	183	192	67	3103	30	1	1	—			
Rigton North	3058	365	406	158	13933	138	7	51	6			
Scarcroft	1073	523	775	295	37290	365	—	24	—			
Sicklinghall	1495	287	272	92	8265	73	8	25	—			
Spofforth with Stockeld	5468	786	889	387	27216	260	15	40	5			
Thorner	2461	1165	1349	551	38563	387	—	28	—			
Thorp Arch	1529	658	686	204	54551	502	—	14	—			
Tockwith	2188	493	688	226	22549	209	2	46	2			
Walton	1590	172	220	70	73161	639	—	6	—			
Weeton	1373	718	783	324	29939	292	6	15	1			
Wetherby	2460	4179	6945	2570	259018	2516	2	25	1			
Wighill	2247	220	232	71	4350	41	—	12	1			
Wilstop	1080	37	48	9	449	4	1	6	3			
Wothersome	772	25	43	12	481	41	—	12	1			
Totals ...	64424	21844	30760	11369	1161066	1070	110	629	31			

I. GENERAL

(a) General Statistics:

The following is a summary of the principal details contained in Table 1:—

Description	No. of Houses	Percentage of Total
Water supply from public mains	11259	99.00
Piped water supply (including private sources)	11369	100% (less 1 house)
Drainage to public sewers	11697	
Satisfactory drainage to public sewers or private sewage disposal schemes	11357	100% (less 12 houses)
Water Closets	11357	
Earth Closets	31	0.30
Baths	11269	99.00
Hot Water Supply	11275	99.00

(b) Staff:

I am glad to report that Mr. Ian Webster, the Student in the Public Health Department gained his Final Diploma Examination for Public Health Inspectors and was appointed as a temporary additional Public Health Inspector within the Department.

Three members of the staff resigned during the year and their posts were advertised and filled.

(c) Manual Workers:

It becomes increasingly difficult to appoint suitable manual labour and the annual turnover of manual staff continues to create problems. Thirteen workmen left the services of the Council during the year and this in itself creates difficulty when trying to maintain normal refuse collection services and also in the maintenance of the Sewage Disposal Works. Sickness amongst the manual staff is also a continuous problem.

(d) Legislation:

Four Acts came into being during 1971 which to some extent affected the work of the Department and those Acts were — The Dangerous Litter Act, The Fire Precautions Act, The Highways Act and the Housing Act. The Housing Act related mainly to

an increase in the amounts of Improvement Grants that could be made available and the Fire Precautions Act which is administered mainly by the Fire Authority required notice by this Authority relating mainly to fire precautions and approvals under the Building Regulations. The Dangerous Litter Act was brought into being to make better provision for the abatement of dangerous litter and to empower a Local Authority to promote the abatement of litter by means of publicity.

II. TOWN PLANNING AND BUILDING CONTROL

(a) Applications:

608 planning applications were dealt with compared with 593 in the previous year. These were as follows:—

Approved	..	134
Conditional	..	391
Refused	..	65
Withdrawn	..	18
Pending	..	—
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		608
		<hr/>

Of these, 20 new housing sites were approved which will provide sites for 439 houses.

There were 367 separate applications under the Building Regulations, including a total of 892 dealt with during the year.

(b) Development Plan:

The public becomes increasingly conscious of the environment and the Department receives many requests for information relating to planning applications and also members of the public are visiting this office in increasing numbers to examine the planning register and plans on deposit. These enquiries are time consuming for the clerical staff.

(c) Miscellaneous:

(a) An outline plan and scheme was prepared for the proposed swimming pool at The Ings, Wetherby and work is proceeding in this connection towards the obtaining of and accepting of an estimate for construction.

(b) Work commenced on the extensive extensions at the National Library of Science and Technology at Thorp Arch.

(c) Work commenced on the Boston Spa Comprehensive School at Clifford Moor Road, Boston Spa and also on the Tockwith Primary School.

(d) Private Street Works:

Private street works were maintained in 1971 and tenders were invited and works put in hand in the following streets:—

Wayside Avenue and Wayside Crescent, Bardsey.
Upper Langwith Drive, Langwith Valley Road and
Hillcrest, Collingham.
Hillcrest, East Keswick.
Audby Lane, Wharfe Grove and Wharfe View,
Wetherby.

The scheme for Barleyfields Road and Foxhill was completed and those streets adopted in September, 1971.

The position regarding private street works is shown on the attached table.

(e) Tree Preservation:

There were no tree preservation orders confirmed in 1971.

(f) Industrial Areas:

The light industrial areas at Sandbeck Lane and Sandbeck Way, Wetherby and also at York Road, Wetherby continue to flourish as also does the Thorp Arch Trading Estate. In all there are some 89 firms which have premises at Thorp Arch including Buywell Centre at which some 10 different Retail Firms operate.

TABLE II
HIGHWAYS ACT, 1959 — PRIVATE STREET WORKS CODE OF
1892 **1st January, 1972.**

Resolution to make up	Scheme estimate or Provisional Apportionment						Final Cost or Apportionment				Street Adopted	
	Estimated Cost £	Total Frontage ft.	Cost per ft. Frontage		Tenders Invited	Works in hand	Works Completed	Final cost £	Total Frontage ft.	Cost per ft. Frontage		
			s.	d.						s.		d.
Bardsey:												
First Avenue	) 13205	3560	71/10		1967	1969	1969	11332	3560	62/- Nov.1970	
Second Avenue	)	(Revised after Quarter Sessions Appeal 1968)									
Wayside Avenue	1982	659	59/4		1971	1971	—					
Wayside Crescent	8255	2044	83/4		1971	1971	—					
Boston Spa:												
Stables Lane	4296	1069	£3.86		—	—	—	—	—	—		
Collingham:												
Hollybush Green	12192	3674	64/-		1966	1967	1968	9966	3674	53/- Oct.1969		
Garth End	805	203	76/7		1966	1967	1968	704	203	72/6 Oct.1969		
Upper Langwith (1)	3332	741	88/8		1971	1971						
Upper Langwith (2)	3745	713	114/7		1971	1971						
Upper Langwith (3)	719	208	66/6		1971	1971						
Upper Langwith (4)	1574	437	82/3		1971	1971						
Langwith Drive	4494	1229	71/9		1971	1971						
Langwith Valley Road (E)	5238	1185	84/1		1971	1971						
Langwith Valley Road (W)	1894	691	59/9		1971	1971						
Hillcrest (2)	2950	1153	50/6		1971	1971						
East Keswick:												
Hillcrest (1)	4707	1156	82/8		1971	1971						
Harewood:												
Church Lane	3167	890	69/-		1968	1969	1969	2509	890	54/9 Nov.69		
Emville Avenue	968	557	34/6		1968	1968	1968	595	557	20/10 Sept.68		
Thorner												
Kirkfield Lane	6460	1530	80/-		1966	1966	1968	6536	1628	79/- 1968		
Kirkhills	3870	1000	76/-		1966	1966	1968	6018	1218	96/- 1969		
Wetherby												
Barleyfields Road (N)	5701	2880	36/10		1967	1968	1969	4837	2968	34/8 Oct.69		
Ainsty Garth	614	802	13/6		1967	1968	1969	730	802	15/1 Oct.69		
Barleyfields Road (S)	4879	2242	43/4		1969	1969	1970	3968	2242	£1.61 Sept.71		
Foxhill	2988	863	67/4		1969	1969	1970	2602	863	£2.92 Sept.71		
Audby Lane (Revised Scheme)	10000	1416	140/-		1971	1971						
Wharfe Grove (1)	2039	599	73/1		1971	1971						
Wharfe Grove (2)	3202	832	79/11		1971	1971						
Wharfe Grove	2609	877	55/11		1971	1971						
Wharfe Grove Sewer — Surface Water												
Wharfe Grove Foul Sewer £2,833.00												
Lindsay Parkinson — Surface Water £1,296.00												

III. HOUSING

(a) New Housing:

The capital assets of the Council at the 31st March, 1972 were £4,320,208. Private house building went ahead during the year and 168 private houses were completed in addition to the 100 units of Council accommodation.

The private building sites made available by the Council for purchase by individuals has gone ahead in the Parishes of Bardsey, Boston Spa, Clifford, Collingham, Thorner and North Rigton.

The cumulative building programme since 1945 is as follows:

Private Houses	..	4789
Council Houses	..	2079
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		6868
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Houses cleared	..	719
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Nett increase	..	6149
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61% of the houses in the district have been built since 1945 (and 84% in the last 50 years).

(b) Existing Houses:

(1) Slum Clearance

Ten houses were represented as being unfit for human habitation during the year and the necessary statutory procedure was followed. Nearly all houses that could be classified as unfit within the Rural District have been represented as such and have been dealt with statutorily. There are only very few remaining that are unfit; these have been surveyed in connection with unfitness but because of age and occupancy statutory action has not been pressed forward.

Since 1945 1,004 unfit houses have been dealt with and the following action taken:—

Closed	..	162
Demolished	..	377
Reconditioned	..	334
Awaiting Demolition	..	5
Awaiting Improvement	..	62
Improvement Works in hand	..	12
Awaiting rehousing	..	2
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		1004
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(2) Improvements

During the year the number of applications for Improvement Grants decreased over the previous year and there were 29 applications received and Grants approved in the total sum of £21,835 for total works amounting to £81,676. The average Grant allocated throughout the year amounted to £753. Six applications were approved for standard grants. Since the inception of Improvement Grant schemes 1,052 houses have been the subject of Grant applications and 1,033 applications have been approved. 894 houses have been completed with Grant aid and in total £291,862 has been allocated in Grants. During 1971, £24,652 was paid in Improvement Grants in respect of 39 houses, and those 39 Grants were in respect of full Improvement Grants. Seven Standard Grants were paid in the total sum of £796. There is every indication that the number of applications will increase considerably during 1972.

(3) Qualification Certificates

Part III of the Housing Act, 1969 gave power to a Landlord to increase the rent of a tenanted house so long as the house complied with the "qualifying conditions", i.e. that it was provided with all the standard amenities and was otherwise in good repair and fit for human habitation. The Act also converted a controlled tenancy into a regulated tenancy if the conditions were complied with. During the year 47 applications were received for houses in the district and of those applications 21 were refused on the grounds that the house did not comply with the qualifying conditions.

(4) Agricultural Housing Subsidies

Twenty houses in the district are subject to the grant of a subsidy under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act and during the year each of those 20 houses received an inspection to ensure that they complied with the conditions appertaining to the subsidy.

(5) Housing Capital Schemes

Architectural works carried out in the department are as follows:—

	Houses and Flats	Improvement Grants	Garages
Schemes in preparation	56	4	13
Schemes in Contract let	40	—	—
Schemes under construction	162	3	19
Schemes completed	70	—	32
	328	7	64

All roads, sewers and necessary siteworks are carried out concurrently with the above.

(c) **Sites:**

The shortage of land in the Wetherby District continues and Schemes are well advanced to utilise the ex-railway land recently purchased by the Council. Works are in preparation to provide a site for individual plots on the old railway station at Collingham.

(d) **House Purchase:**

During the year £22,133 was advanced in connection with the purchase of 19 dwellings.

HOUSING WORK AT 31st DECEMBER, 1971

TABLE III.

PARISH	COMPLETED		UNDER CONSTRUCTION		RECONDITIONING		SLUM CLEARANCE			
	New	Private Council	New	Council	Approved Applications D.G.	S.G.	Completed: with grant	without grant	Works in hand	Demolished or Closed
Angram	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bardsey	3	—	11	—	1	—	—	4	1	—
Boston Spa	22	—	27	22	6	—	—	8	5	—
Bilton	—	5	3	—	1	—	5	1	1	1
Bramham	4	—	9	—	4	—	—	5	2	—
Clifford	—	—	—	4	3	1	2	6	2	1
Collingham	12	8	9	—	3	3	5	3	2	1
Deighton North	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—
Harewood	6	—	5	—	1	—	1	7	—	—
Hutton Wandesley	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—
Keswick East	5	—	7	6	4	—	6	4	—	—
Kirk Deighton	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	3	1	—
Kearby	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
Kirkby Overblow	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Long Marston	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	4	—	—
North Ripton	2	4	—	1	1	—	1	1	—	—
Ribston Little	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
Sicklinghall	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	—
Spofforth	3	—	5	—	2	—	—	3	2	—
Scarcroft	7	—	6	—	1	—	—	5	1	—
Thornor	—	5	3	4	7	1	—	4	—	—
Thorp Arch	—	—	1	—	4	1	5	9	5	—
Tockwith	2	—	3	—	4	1	2	2	3	—
Wetherby	96	43	62	64	5	—	1	5	3	3
Wighill	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	16	3	3
Weeton	2	4	7	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Walton	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	2	—	—
Wilstrop	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wothersome	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	168	60	165	100	55	6	42	98	38	6

IV. SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

(a) Drainage Work:

Problems arise due to owner/occupiers requesting the clearing of their blocked private drains in ignorance of the fact that private drains are the responsibility of the owner of the individual house. Much staff time is wasted in investigating these complaints when eventually it is confirmed that the blockage is *not* the responsibility of the Council. There is very little that can be done to prevent this. During the year work on drainage included:—

- 168 new sewer connections
- 52 re-drainage of houses
- 261 drainage repairs
- 107 clearance of drain blockages

(b) Sanitary Conveniences:

There are very few earth closets remaining in the district, there being less than 30 and those earth closets in such isolated situations that there is no legal power available to the Council to obtain the conversion to water carriage systems. Persuasive methods are used in an attempt to make owners convert to water closets if possible by the use of Improvement Grants but for a variety of reasons, they very often do not wish to avail themselves.

(c) Sewerage:

During the year extensive attention was given to the need to improve the sewerage system to Wetherby, and preliminary surveys were carried out. The general work of maintenance at all works was carried out, and the 7 sewage disposals works and the 13 pumping stations received regular attention and maintenance. With the large number of private houses built throughout the district within the last 15 years it is becoming more and more obvious that the sewers are becoming overloaded and there is an urgent need to consider general improvements in sewers throughout the district and particularly in those areas of high population and where residential development is increasing.

A Scheme is in preparation for the relaying of sewers at Weeton and work will commence shortly.

During the year the descaling of several sewers took place and in particular the length of sewer across the Wetherby Golf Course and under the river.

Problems arise at the Thorp Arch Sewage Disposal Works due to trade effluent of an unsatisfactory nature received from a factory outside the district and negotiations are taking place

with a view to improving the effluent as received for treatment at the Thorp Arch Works. In addition problems have arisen due to effluents received from factories on the Thorp Arch Trading Estate; those effluents are of varied chemical composition which if received in large quantities at the Works can create problems in treatment.

(d) Surface Water Sewers:

Surface water creates the greatest problem when it discharges into the foul sewers resulting in surcharging and the consequent operation of the storm overflows creates nuisances in the streams which run through the villages but this infiltration of surface water and the problems arising therefrom will be eliminated by the proposed sewer improvements.

(e) Land Drainage:

The cleansing of Fir Green Beck in the Parishes of Bramham and Clifford was carried out.

(f) Sewage Treatment:

The dry weather flow to the sewage works in the Council's area is now approximately 1,500,000 glns. per day from a population of approximately 31,000. The larger works are many years old and it becomes more and more difficult to consistently maintain the effluent standard required by the Rivers Board but with the proposed improvements these difficulties should be obviated.

The Long Marston Sewage Disposal Tertiary Treatment Plant installed in 1970 is working satisfactorily.

(g) Financial Statement:

The total cost for the year ending the 31st March, 1972 was £58,814 which included loan charges amounting to £22,337. The capital assets of the Council in connection with sewage disposal and treatment amount to £562,644.

V. WATER SUPPLY

(a) General:

The water supply throughout the district maintains a high standard and the two statutory Water Undertakers operating, i.e. Leeds Corporation who supplies the Parishes of Harewood and Weeton, and the Claro Water Board who supplies the remainder of the district, maintain a high standard for the water consumption. Regular samples are taken of the public supplies and also of the supplies from the 110 private sources. Chemical samples of water are taken and there has been no problem relating to water supplies from a quality point of view.

During the year a number of houses in the district have had problems regarding deficiencies in water supplies but negotiations are in hand to relay the supply pipes to these properties.

VI. PUBLIC CLEANSING AND TRANSPORT

(a) Public Cleansing Service:

The progressive policy of the Council relating to refuse collection and disposal, continued throughout the year and the whole of the district received a weekly collection of refuse and in addition special services were operated including the weekly collection of clean salvage from shopping centres and a free monthly collection of bulky household discards on request. The development of the use of the bulk refuse containers was continued at institutional type premises such as Schools, Hospitals, Restaurants, etc.

Certain special services are also given including the destruction of secret and confidential documents, the disposal of dangerous drugs and medicines from the medical profession and the special destruction of unsound foods from shops and food premises throughout the district in the Trade Refuse Incinerator. During the year the use of the disposal point provided under the Civic Amenities Act at the Thorp Arch Trading Estate continued to give invaluable service to the public wishing to dispose of domestic refuse at the weekends. I wish that all the public would use this amenity tip rather than dispose of refuse in the hedgerows throughout this Rural District. It is incomprehensible why refuse is still tipped indiscriminately throughout the countryside when the disposal of all refuse is covered by one or other of the schemes operated by this Council. The anti-social habit of disposing of refuse in this manner can only be deplored.

During the year vehicles were again abandoned throughout the district and even though every effort is made to trace the owners and ask them to arrange for the removal of the vehicles themselves it was still necessary to arrange for a local garage to tow in 20 vehicles disposed of in this manner. In all 26 other type vehicles were taken to the pulverisation plant by their owners.

(b) Refuse Disposal:

The whole of the refuse from Wetherby Rural District and from parts of Tadcaster Rural District was disposed of throughout the year at the Refuse Treatment Plant on the Thorp Arch Trading Estate and a total of 9,522 tons of refuse was processed and of that 1,697 tons came from the Tadcaster district. The maintenance of the plant in efficient working order is the result

of the conscientiousness of the workmen at the plant who have been invaluable in keeping the plant working under difficult conditions. The plant continues to give satisfactory service.

(c) **Transport:**

During the year a new cesspit emptying vehicle was purchased and the whole of the Council's vehicles are maintained in a satisfactory manner by the mechanics in the new workshop which was completed during the year.

(d) **Litter:**

The litter baskets throughout the district are always the subject of attention by the vandals but the 96 litter baskets are serviced regularly and there are no real problems relating to this service except as stated the one relating to vandalism.

(e) **Salvage:**

Salvage was again sold during 1971 and the following revenue was received:—

Baled Tin	..	£723
Paper	..	£3028
Other scrap	..	£224

(f) **Refuse Receptacles:**

The free replacement of worn-out dustbins and sackholders continued during the year.

(g) **Financial Statement:**

The total cost of the refuse collection and disposal service during the year was £104,019 and included the following costs:—

Transport — £25,811 ; Labour — £47,100 ; Disposal — £7,410.

The operational cost of disposal excluding Loan Charges was £22,482. The income from Tadcaster R.D.C. for 1971 was £5,680. The annual cost per property in the district is £7.

VII. ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES

Work relating to nuisances does not form a large part of the work in the department and general complaints relating to nuisances, i.e. smells, accumulations of rubbish, noise, unsightly buildings, etc., etc. are dealt with normally on an informal basis by an approach to the person who has created the problem.

VIII. SUPERVISION OF WORKPLACES

(a) Factories Act, 1961:

The number of factories in the district in which Section 7 is enforced by the Council is 132.

(b) Factories are not included in (a) in which Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 and 6 are enforced by the Council (factories which do not use mechanical power) — Nil.

Total number of visits and inspections for all purposes — 86.

Cases in which defects found:—

Particulars	No. of cases				
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. by Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	in which prosecutions Instituted
Want of Cleanliness (S.1) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.3) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temp. (S.3) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)—					
(a) Insufficient ...	5	5	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	9	9	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) ...	—	—	—	—	—
	14	14	—	—	—

(b) Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963:

Four new premises were registered during the year, making a total of 266 registered premises throughout the district. 127 premises received general inspection requiring a total of 220 special visits. The classification of registered premises is as follows:—

Offices ..	71
Retail Shops ..	140
Wholesale Shops and Warehouses ..	14
Catering Establishments ..	36
Fuel Storage Depots ..	5
	266

In this developing district there is a constant increase of new shops, offices and other premises which involves much time being taken up in discussions with owners and prospective occupiers on the requirements under this Act. No particular problems have arisen during the year and a satisfactory standard is maintained at these types of premises.

Accidents under this Act are investigated and any necessary recommendations given to occupiers of premises.

IX. SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) General:

There are now some 240 food premises of varying kinds throughout the district and the increase in the number of restaurants, particularly licensed premises, has given the department a focus of attention during the year.

"Eating out" is becoming more and more popular and with this popularity restaurants have developed in the district. Standards are generally satisfactory although the recruitment of trained staff at this type of business is always difficult. The restaurants that have been developed have been at a very high standard both in decor and in the provision of kitchen facilities. Work is well in hand in the construction of the new Motel at Wetherby which will provide further restaurant facilities.

Education in relation to food hygiene has continued by the issue to food handlers of various bulletins and codes of practice relating to food and also lectures to schools relating to public health and food hygiene generally.

12 complaints were received during the year from the general public relating to foreign matter in food and these complaints have all been investigated to a satisfactory conclusion. Milk and Ice Cream have been sampled to test for statutory standards and the Inspectors have been concerned in the condemnation of food following the breakdown in refrigerated food cabinets in various grocery shops.

The export of products from the local Canning Factory continues and 8 export certificates were issued relating to the hygienic quality of those foods going abroad.

In January, 1971 a countrywide epidemic of fowl pest included the infection of poultry within the district but this epidemic was dealt with mainly by the Ministry of Agriculture Veterinary Department.

POST MORTEM EXAMINATION OF ANIMALS IN SLAUGHTERHOUSES, 1971

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	257	—	2	1336	66	—
Number inspected	257	—	2	1336	66	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci						
Whole carcasses condemned		—	None	—		
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	14	—	—	22	4	—
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and cysticerci	6%	—	—	1%	6%	—
Tuberculosis only :—						
Whole carcasses condemned—		—	None	—		
Carcasses of which some part of organ was condemned		—	None	—		
Percentage of the number in- spected that were affected		—	None	—		
Cysticerosis :—						
Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned	2	—	None	—		
Carcasses submitted for refrigeration		—	None	—		
Generalised and totally condemned		—	None	—		

MEAT INSPECTION

Principal Grounds for Condemnation of Offal

	Bovine lbs.	Sheep lbs.	Pigs lbs.
Fascioliasis ...	154	—	—
Pericarditis ...	4	—	—
Nephritis ...	4	2	3
Actinobacillosis ...	60	—	—
Parasitic Conditions ...	52	27	3
Bruising ...	20	6	—
Degen. Cyst. Bovis ...	40	—	—
Abscesses ...	36	3	18
	370	38	27

Note: The incidence of Fascioliasis is reducing over the years and it is only a few years ago when 75% and more of all bovine livers would be affected by this complaint. During meat inspection it is obvious that there is a marked reduction in affected livers which is a very satisfactory improvement.

X. MISCELLANEOUS

(a) Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

There are seven caravan sites in your area (licensed for the stationing of caravans for recreational purposes only) and they have been maintained to a high standard throughout the year.

During the year a new site licence was issued to the Wetherby Steeplechase Committee to permit the stationing of 50 caravans on the racecourse between April and October of caravans for overnight stops only during transit.

This facility is one that has been needed for some time in the district due to caravans being used by people for holiday purposes on their way into Scotland and the Lake District in particular and I can report that this service has been appreciated and the number of caravans staying overnight at the racecourse increased as the season progressed. During the year a caravan site operator at Kearby appealed against the Council's refusal to allow the extension of the Caravan Site and that Appeal was refused.

Work in connection with caravans also takes in the investigation of the indiscriminate stationing of caravans by itinerant traders and gypsies on the roadside verges throughout the district but no particular problem has arisen in this connection.

Requests are received to use caravans for full residential purposes but the Council's policy of resisting this type of use has been maintained.

(b) Public Conveniences:

Preliminary plans have been prepared for the complete modernisation of the public conveniences in Cross Street and The Shambles, Wetherby and tenders will be invited in the new year. As usual vandals have been busy throughout the year in the public conveniences and repairs are carried out frequently due to this form of damage.

(c) Bathing Pool:

Progress was made throughout the year on the plans and specifications for the proposed swimming pool at The Ings, Wetherby and it is hoped that tenders will be accepted and

works commenced during 1972. There is an increasing number of applications for private swimming pools at private houses and these require approval under the Planning Act. There are also private pools at schools and institutions in the district and all are satisfactory.

(d) Clean Air Acts 1956 - 68

Very few problems are related to the emission of smoke or grit and dust into the atmosphere in this rural district; all smoke can be attributed to domestic premises only as there are no industrial premises at which solid fuel is burnt.

The one smoke control area in the district operating in the Wigton Moor area at Alwoodley is still satisfactory but the Council will need to give consideration in the future to the declaration of further smoke controlled areas. Many of the large industrial cities have now completed their smoke control programmes and all appliances in those cities are converted to burn smokeless fuel and it may be that the Council will need to consider this matter in the near future.

(e) Land Charges:

1,271 Land Charges Requisitions have been dealt with during the year as against 1,108 last year.

(f) Markets:

The Wetherby Market has continued to function satisfactorily throughout 1971 and receipts for the rentals amounted to £640. Throughout the year stalls were hired to private organisations in connection with their fund raising activities, galas, garden fetes, etc.

(g) Car Parks:

The receipts from Car Parks during the year amounted to £1,771.

4 schemes for further car parks at Wetherby and Boston Spa are in preparation.

(h) Rodent Control:

The Rodent Operators have continued to give satisfactory service, one being engaged full-time on rodent contracts in relation to farms and special premises and the other on work in domestic premises and other business premises. The total receipts for rodent control work amounted to £477.

(i) Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963:

There is an increasing use of Boarding Establishments for cats and dogs throughout this district mainly by people who wish to board their animals out during the holiday season. The 12 establishments were re-licensed and the co-operation of the Inspector of the R.S.P.C.A. is sought each year to offer technical advice on the administration of this Act.

(j) **Street Lighting:**

The Council as Agents of the County Council maintain the Wigton Moor special lighting area and also maintain the lighting scheme at Walton. No special problems relating have arisen.

(k) **Derelict Land:**

Schemes are in hand for the reclamation of the former railway land at Spofforth, Wetherby, Collingham and at Bardsey and this work continues.

(l) **Petroleum (Regulations) Act, 1928 - 1936:**

All the 63 licensed petroleum storage installations throughout the district received a technical inspection by the Fire Prevention Officer of the West Riding County Council and this department dealt with the issue of the necessary licence renewals and the inspections of all new installations.

Work has increased in connection with petroleum regulations related to the use of petroleum products by the light industrial firms developing throughout the district but there are no outstanding problems.

(m) **Disinfection and Disinfestation**

The Department has dealt with a large and varied number of insect pests throughout the year with again the assistance of the Disinfestation Officer of Leeds Corporation. Once again the disinfestation problem has been the identification of unusual insects.

(n) **Contracts:**

Work under this heading has continued satisfactorily and is indicated in the following table:—

CONTRACTS
(Year ending 31.3.72)

		£
Completed	48	350,000
Under Construction	65	450,000
In Contract — not started	9	90,000
Out to tender	4	85,000
In preparation	20	150,000
Preliminary reports approved	20	425,000

The comparative figures for the current and previous five years are:—

TOTAL			COMPLETED	
	CONTRACTS	VALUE £	CONTRACTS	VALUE £
1971	113	800,000	48	350,000
1970	59	686,808	12	143,000
1969	87	1,145,960	22	183,266
1968	63	1,484,960	24	397,000
1967	97	1,186,900	25	116,500
1966	88	1,113,539	24	284,702

